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Each year, more than 5,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. ALS is a progressive disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells in the central nervous system cease functioning. There is no known cause or cure for this disease.

In the advanced stages of ALS, care can cost up to \$200,000 per year -- depleting the financial resources of patients and relatives. The suffering of patients and struggle of caregivers must be acknowledged and attention given to ALS education and research.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

Proclaim the month of May 2004 as “AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH throughout the County of Los Angeles and urge all citizens to become educated about ALS and to lend their aid in combating this disease.

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